Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 2248 / Senate Bill No. 1912

The House and Senate Conference Committee appointed pursuant to motions to resolve the differences between the two houses on House Bill No. 2248 (Senate Bill No. 1912) has met and recommends that the following amendments be deleted:

House Amendment #4 and Senate Amendment #1.

The Committee further recommends that the following amendment be adopted: by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 51, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

State funds shall not be expended by the University of Tennessee to promote the use of gender neutral pronouns, to promote or inhibit the celebration of religious holidays, or to fund or support sex week.

SECTION 2. All funds in the budget of the office for diversity and inclusion at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for fiscal year 2016-2017, shall be reallocated in the university's budget and used by the university solely for scholarships to be awarded through a minority engineering scholarship program. Any funds from the budget of the office for diversity and inclusion that are not used for minority engineering scholarships in fiscal year 2016-2017 shall remain in the scholarship program for use in future fiscal years.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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